

COUNCIL FAVORS HOMEOWNERS; DENIES WALTERIA MINE PERMIT

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS



SWEEPSTAKES WINNER in the arts division of the Hobby, Art and Flower show held last week-end was Mrs. Mary C. Barrett, 2905 Eldorado st. The winning painting was of an old-time railroad station. Mrs. Barrett is the society editor of the Torrance Press.

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Torrance High To Go On Half-Day Sessions

'STAGGERED' CLASSES TO START IN FALL

Because of increased enrollment at Torrance high school, it will be necessary to have a "staggered" schedule for the 1954-55 school year until the completion of the North Torrance high school, it was announced this week by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

The early session of the staggered schedule will run from 7:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. and the later session from 12:20 to 4:30 p.m. Each session will have five periods of 44 minutes each with five minute passing periods and 10 minutes for a snack.

"It is well to have this experience now for later," Hull said. "When the peak of enrollment and high birth rates hit the high school, it will undoubtedly be necessary to have staggered schedules in all of the high schools."

"Staggered" schedules will probably be used to meet these needs rather than constructing more schools "to meet temporary needs."

"Such facilities may be nice," Hull said, "But they may not meet the best interests of the taxpayers."

Out of an expected enrollment of 2050 students at Torrance high school next year, about 1135 students will attend the early session and 915 the later one.

It is considered desirable that all seniors attend the early session. Students living south of Sepulveda blvd. and west of Madrona (south of 190th st.) will attend the early session.

Students with special problems in programing, such as athletes, will attend the early session.

All others will attend the later session.

The board of education will be advised of these plans at its next meeting Tuesday evening, June 1, at 8 p.m.

Local Phone System Makes New Progress

A new era in long distance communications will start for Torrance telephone users shortly after midnight Saturday when Pacific Telephone places into service its \$4 1/2 million operator toll dialing machine in Los Angeles.

Special switching equipment has been installed and tested in the Cravens avenue telephone office that ties into the huge electronic device permitting long distance operators to place calls for customers direct to distant cities without the help of other operators along the route or at the destination.

Less Than Minute Most long distance calls will go through in less than a minute, manager Dick Pyle said today, and many will be completed in a matter of only a few seconds.

The Los Angeles installation, largest and third to be established on the West Coast, was

Mr. Torrance

TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORS SAM LEVY

Over 150 residents of the community paid tribute last Saturday night to Sam Levy for his 35 years of service to Torrance. The local pioneer businessman and his wife, Frances, were honored at a testimonial dinner held at Allan Richard hall.

Girl Scout Leaders

By MRS. MABEL G. CROSSMAN, Guest Editor

(In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.)

Many factors are involved in the preparation of a child for a useful and productive life. The home is an integral part, then the church, the school, and the time spent in clubs and activities.

Among the organizations doing their part in the formation of character is the Girl Scouts of America.

A young girl from Savannah, Georgia, Mrs. Mabel Juliette Low brought the ideals of scouting from England. For 42 years it has benefited all who have become invested as scouts and taught to work together.

Camping, Swimming, Horseback riding, and sailing are skills to make the outdoor life full of the joy only received when communing with nature. First Aid with an emphasis on prevention keeps accidents at a minimum. The many proficiency badges assist the girls in choosing a subject and investigating all the phases of it.

To help the girls there must be trained leaders who devote their time because they believe in the aims and ideals of the group, and enjoy working with youngsters. The need is ever present and the growing population makes the demand for volunteers at times seem more than are available.

If we can't provide a well-rounded program for our youth their unrestrained energies are expressed in unusual ways. The preparation needs our help and the children haven't the patience afforded for adults, they can't wait and we mustn't let them.



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INSPECTORS TO SUE CITY OVER FIRING

Plans to sue the city over firing of Building Inspector James Dresser and his assistant, Cecil Smith, were announced Tuesday night by their attorney, John McCall.

The move came when the council reaffirmed its action of last month in firing the two inspectors. The council had overruled the city civil service commission which asked that the two be reinstated.

The council stood its ground on the firing on the motion of Councilman Albert Isen, who indicated his belief that it would be worth the money required for court action to find out if the council's action had been legal.

This test-case is to decide where the ultimate power lies, (Continued on Page 2)

550 Residents Protest Mine In Petition

Disapproval of a request for a variance to mine diatomaceous earth in the WALTERIA area was upheld by the city council Tuesday night on the recommendation of the planning commission.

A petition protesting such a mine and signed by 555 Torrance residents was presented to the planning commission at its hearing on the latter last week. Protest also came from Ernest Robinson, who spoke on behalf of the Pacific Hills homeowners' association.

The mine was to be located at the southerly terminus of Madison street.

Donald Armstrong, attorney for John DiMarco who requested the variance, maintained that the operation would be "dustless and noiseless."

Armstrong, in a letter to the council, declared that in DiMarco's opinion the disapproval of the request was a denial of his property rights and was an arbitrary action.

The zone, Armstrong stated, could not be used agriculturally though it is an agricultural zone. The council should only regulate the proper safeguard (Continued on Page 2)

REZONING OF LOMITA UP FOR STUDY

Meetings will be held during the next several months to discuss Lomita zoning revisions. Planning needs will be studied at a special series of public meetings with county planners, according to Edward T. Walker of the regional planning commission.

No date has been set for the meetings as yet.

No final plans for the district will be drawn until after the meetings. A tentative map drawn by Walker and his aides would create commercial zones along Lomita avenue, Narbonne boulevard and most of Pacific Coast highway.

Other districts would be zoned for residential and agricultural use. No industrial zones have been mapped.

A move to zone the entire community was dropped four years ago when considerable opposition to the move developed.

What Happened To Her Is Old, Familiar Story

Pulling real stories out of the file is as easy as it is for a magician to pull rabbits out of a hat.

The story's familiar to all Torrance Press readers. Someone, like Mrs. W. A. Cannon of 25025 Oak street placed an ad, like the following, in the Torrance Press classified section.

FOR SALE — Double size bed, dresser with large mirror. Tall boy, night stand. Also baby's wardrobe chest. DA. 6-1198

The end of Mrs. Cannon's story is familiar to all Torrance Press readers and classified advertisers: she sold the objects right off the bat Thursday morning.

The moral of the story is, of course, to place your ads in the Torrance Press classified section for quickest and best results.



SANCTUARY... for display, entered by the Torrance Terrace Garden club won sweepstakes in the flower division. The entry was arranged by Mrs. Carl Hood. Mrs. Victor Benstead (standing) is the president of the club.



DELBERT J. THOMSEN, of 1447 El Prado, emerged winner in the hobby division at the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower show last week-end. He won sweepstakes honors with this hand-made antique rocker.

Huge Throng Views Annual Hobby Show

The annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower show held over the week-end proved a great success, surpassing last year's affair in attendance and the number of entries submitted, sponsors of the show announced this week.

Close to 3000 people came to view the show, as compared with last year's 2000 attendance. While last year's entries totaled about 300, this year's entries numbered about 375.

Winners Delbert J. Thomsen, of 1447 El Prado, took sweepstakes in the hobby division with his hand-made antique rocking chair.

Sweepstakes winner in the arts division was Mrs. Mary C. Barrett, of 2905 El Dorado street. The award was presented for her water color painting of an old railroad station. Mrs. Barrett is society (Continued on Page 2)

COUNCIL BRIEFS

FLIES: North Torrance homeowners brought their grievances about the fly menace from nearby dairies to the attention of the city council Tuesday night. An attorney speaking for two dairies said the dairies would abide by all recommendations of the health department. The city will follow up in the matter.

REFUSE: The council will study a request that the city join a sewage and refuse district with disposal site in the mined-out area in back of WALTERIA. A spokesman for the WALTERIA homeowners registered protest.

PARKING: City Attorney James Hall will recommend four different ways of financing the parking meters at the next council meeting. Protests over the meters were voiced by several residents.

INVOCATION: Mayor Nick Drale appointed Councilman M. M. Schwab to render the invocation at the beginning of each council meeting for the remainder of the council term. Schwab established the custom of ministerial invocations when he was mayor.

District Invited To County Fair

Torrance Unified school district has been invited to participate in a notable public school exhibit at the 27th annual Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, September 17 through October 3.

BAY, MEWBORN, DABBS WIN IN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Dr. Joseph P. Bay and Attorney Charlton Mewborn were elected to the Torrance board of education while Jack N. Dabbs was elected to the board of directors of El Camino college as a result of last Friday's elections.

Only 1034 voters of the more than 17,000 registered voters turned out to the polls.

A detailed election breakdown by precincts will be found on page 11. The final count in the Tor-

rance school board election stands as follows:

Dr. Joseph P. Bay (Incumbent)671
Charlton Mewborn425
Mrs. Opal Benard388
Edward Schwartz349
William H. Tolson105
J. Hugh Sherfy 1
(write-in)

The El Camino figures are as follows:

Jack N. Dabbs413
J. Hugh Sherfy349
Robert A. Owens228
Though Tolson resigned from

the Torrance school board and withdrew from the election a few weeks ago, he still received 105 votes.

Dabbs, manager of M&M Enterprises, will assume the El Camino post occupied till now by Charles Ver Jones. Jones was not a candidate for reelection.

Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, stated that Mewborn would probably be appointed to the board immediately to fill the vacancy created when Tolson resigned.



'MR. AND MRS. TORRANCE'... Over 150 guests paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy at a testimonial dinner held at Allan Richard hall last Saturday. The pioneer businessman celebrated his 35th anniversary in Torrance.

Tribute was paid Levy from many quarters. "He is Mr. Torrance," Charles Ver Jones, who reviewed the history of Levy's life, concluded.

Tributes Jones presented the pioneer-businessman with a plaque on behalf of those who attended this testimonial dinner. The plaque honored Levy for his "35 years of outstanding service" to the city of Torrance. Further recognition for Levy's services as "a great humanitarian" came from the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

A. E. Shapiro, representative of the UJWF, presented the guest of honor with a bronze plaque for humanitarian services, the highest award given by the organization to anyone. One final presentation on behalf of the assembled guests was made by William R. Zappas who presented Levy with an engraved, gold Hamilton watch. The inscription read "for outstanding contributions to the development of Torrance."

The Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness also voiced his own personal regard for Levy. He paid tribute to his sincerity, honesty, and straightforwardness. "May God keep you and Frances with us for many years to come," Father McGuinness concluded.

Telegrams and letters honoring Levy were received from the following: Congressman Cecil R. King; Assemblyman (Continued on Page 2)



Gov. Knight To Visit Torrance

Plans are being made to welcome Gov. Goodwin J. Knight on Thursday, June 3 at 10:45 a.m. in the Knight headquarters, 1329 Sartori. It is the Governor's first visit to Torrance since 1952 when he was accorded a civic reception.

Lloyd Nix, campaign manager for Southern California, announced that the governor's (Continued on Page 2)